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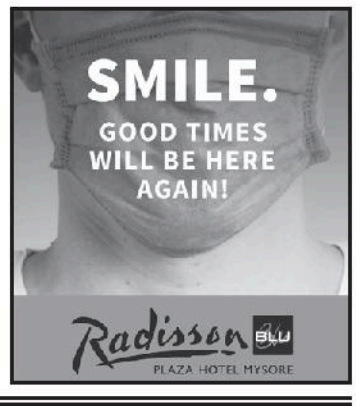


Unruly Crowds

Police work hard to enforce social distancing in city markets

Mysuru, June 3 (RK, LNY & BCT)- Police drew up a new strategy to keep an eye on bustling vegetable, fruit and meat markets and also prevent overcrowding this morning where senior Police officers came out of their AC chambers and got onto the field. They visited crowded areas and were seen asking people to maintain social distancing while shopping.

While those violating norms were warned, people who came from far off areas to the markets were asked to leave the place immediately. Today (Thursday) was the second day of relaxation (from 6 am to 12 noon) as announced by the District Administration for a tougher lockdown from May 29 to June 7.

Compared to the first day of relaxation on May 31 (Monday), more crowds were witnessed in the markets from early morning today.

(See CROWD on page 7)

Vaccine hesitancy among Pourakarmikas worries MCC

- 40 percent of civic workers yet to receive jabs, thanks to misinformation
- 13 buses offer free pick-up and drop service to Pourakarmikas in 9 Zones

Mysuru, June 3 (MTY & BCT)- Vaccination drive against COVID-19 among frontline workers lags behind due to vaccine hesitancy. Frontline workers have borne the brunt of the pandemic even as cases are hurtling with breath-taking speed. But unlike during the first outbreak, we have vaccines — the home-grown Covaxin and the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine Covishield.

But even as vaccines become more widely available at least for the frontline workers, misinformation and lack of trust have led many to doubt the vaccine's safety. This has become a headache for the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) as many Pourakarmikas are hesitant to get the jabs.

Over 40 percent of them have not yet opted for vaccinations and this mistrust is a result of the fear that the vaccine has side-effects and can even result in death.

There are over 2,600 Pourakarmikas in Mysuru city and over 600 of them in rural areas. Realising that many of them still are out of vaccination, officers have issued warnings that they will not be included in the works unless they get their jabs.

(See VACCINE on page 6)

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar advising the Pourakarmikas to take vaccination after hearing their grievances at Vidyaranyapuram yesterday.

Vaidyara Nade-Halliya Kade postponed by a day

District in-charge Minister to inaugurate tomorrow

Mysuru, June 3 (RK&SSV)-

The launch of the much-publicised "*Vaidyara Nade-Halliya Kade*" which was supposed to take place today has been postponed by a day.

Accordingly, Co-operation and District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar will flag off this programme tomorrow.

The District Administration, as part of this programme, has planned to hold a mammoth Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) campaign in rural areas following spike in Corona positive cases.

The Minister has directed the District Administration to make necessary preparation for this programme.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 3rd June 2021

KASSIA thanks for resuming supply of oxygen for MSME industries

Bengaluru, June 3 (UNI) - Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) has thanked the Home Ministry for acceding to its request to resume supply of oxygen for MSMEs and continuous process industries such as furnaces, refineries, steel, aluminium, copper processing plants, exporters in manufacturing sector requiring oxygen for production and food processing units.

In a statement here on Wednesday, KASSIA said that following its meeting called by Minister for Large and Medium Industries, Jagadish Shettar with Industries Association representatives and manufacturers of liquid oxygen, KASSIA had requested the State Government to allot 130 MT of oxygen to MSMEs in the State including 30 MT to small industries operating in Bengaluru and the Minister has assured to consider the proposal subject to availability and prevailing demand-supply situation.

KASSIA President K.B. Arasappa also appealed to the Minister to permit MSMEs to operate in the State without any hindrance just like other permitted industries.

In a memorandum submitted to the State Government recently, KASSIA reiterated its plea on behalf of MSMEs to waive fixed charges and exempt them from payment of electricity tax and interest for 6 months, reduce property tax by 25 percent, waive interest on KSFC loans for three months, defer any and all proposed hikes in power, water, property tax, panchayat tax, till the situation returns to normalcy, postpone inspection of MSMEs for six months and facilitate COVID vaccination centres in all industrial estates.

On long-term and central issues, KASSIA sought relaxation in NPA norms, permit quarterly GST payment and give an extension of 6 months for statutory payments like ESI and PF.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

MEDICINE MAN: ***The uncharitable remarks about the discipline of allopathy made by Yoga Guru and entrepreneur Bahbah Scramdev have got the medical fraternity up in arms. Second Opinion went to talk to the man behind the controversy.***

Second Opinion: *The medical association has reportedly filed aRs. 1,000-crore suit against you. What do you say to that?*

Bahbah Scramdev: *What can I say but that I am deeply honoured. Other suit-boots cost only lakhs, and here I am being offered a suit worth Rs. 1,000 crore! What an honour!*

SO: *The kind of suit you imagine and what the doctors have in mind are very different. But what've you got against allopathy?*

BS: *I'm not just against allopathy, I'm also against homeopathy, naturopathy, and all other pathys but my pathy: Psychopathy.*

SO: *I don't think psychopathy is a form of treatment, but something that requires treatment. So how's your psychopathy different from allopathy and all the other branches of medicine?*

BS: *Can allopathy, or any of the others, cure homosexuality? They can't, but my psychopathy can, as I've repeatedly said.*

SO: *So you have. But, apart from all that, don't you also market a wide range of medicinal and dietary products called Pitanjali. How did you get that name?*

BS: *I got it from what in marketing are called unsolicited consumer comments. All the unsolicited consumers who tried them commented that my products were, I quote, 'The pits.' So I called them Pitanjali.*

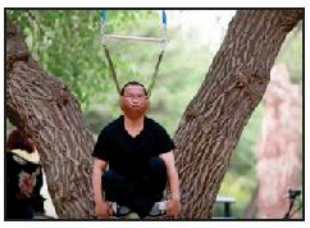
SO: *Most edifying. How did you come by your own name?*

BS: *During a talk I was giving on the benefits of psychopathy, some American members of the audience began to say 'Bah! Bah!', which is the American way of saying 'Wah! Wah!' as we do in praise, and then they said 'Scram! Scram!', which is American for 'Go!', as in 'Go on!', 'Continue'! That's how I became Bahbah Scramdev. But you can call me BS for short. A lot of people do.* ***SO:*** *I can see why. BS suits you perfectly...*

— Jug Suraiya in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Pensioners hang by neck to treat back pain

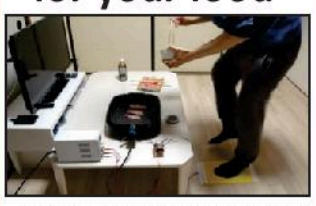


Beijing: Hanging by the neck is considered dangerous, some would even call it deadly, but pensioners in China are increasingly turning to it as a form of exercise to treat back pain.

A bizarre exercising trend has become very popular among elderly fitness enthusiasts in China's Liaoning Province over the last couple of years. Photos and videos show pensioners hanging by the neck on a special harness and either dangling in the air or swinging their bodies back and forth, and in a circular pattern. They attach these special neck hanging harnesses to trees in parks or to metal bars at outdoor exercising venues and they swear that the unusual exercises do wonders for their back problems.

"The routine has healed my spinal issues. I don't have to take medication anymore," an elderly woman who hangs by the neck every day for at least 30 minutes, said. "I can even take a nap on it. It's so comfortable," she added.

A grill that makes you work for your food



Tokyo: A tech-savvy Japanese youtuber recently unveiled a special grill that requires users to burn calories to power up the device and cook the meat.

Japanese youtuber Bomb_tamio specializes in wacky inventions that put a smile on viewers faces, but his latest creations actually intrigued a lot of people, especially those looking for creative ways to lose weight. In a video posted last month, the young inventor can be seen preparing to cook strips of bacon on an electric grill, only instead of turning it on via its knob, he starts running in place with one foot over a yellow pad. It's this fast movement that powers the grill, so the user needs to keep moving until the meat is cooked. The only downside to this human-powered grill is the noise. If you live in an apartment, the neighbors downstairs may not appreciate the constant stomping, especially if you plan on grilling lots of food.

HEALTH CAPSULE

It is a common misconception to equate Jaundice with Liver disease. Jaundice is yellowish discolouration of eyes, urine and skin due to an increase in blood levels of bilirubin. It may happen due to liver disease as well as other reasons. The management of Jaundice includes identifying the exact cause before choosing the appropriate treatment plan.

Dr. Anoop Alva - Consultant Gastroenterology & Hepatology

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A National Health and Nutrition survey revealed that 50% of children aged 1-5 are Vitamin D deficient, and 70% of children aged 6-11 are deficient. Researchers estimate that 50% of the American population is at risk for vitamin D deficiency.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JUNE 1	JUNE 2
Day's Positive Cases	1,153	1,687
Total Positive Cases	1,43,968	1,45,655
Day's Discharges	1,617	1,034
Total Discharges	1,27,723	1,28,757
Day's Deaths	15	12
Total Deaths	1,639	1,651
Total Active Cases	14,606	15,247

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Takes charge as NHRC Chairman

Justice Arun Mishra

New Delhi, June 3 (UNI)-Retired Supreme Court Judge Justice Arun Kumar Mishra on Wednesday took over as the Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). He had retired from the Apex Court in September last year.

Justice Mishra enrolled as a lawyer in 1978. He was elected youngest Chairperson of Bar Council of India in 1998-99.

The Chairman post had been vacant following completion of tenure of the preceding incumbent Justice H.L. Dattu.

His tenure at the Top Court was marked by various controversies, prominent being the Judge Loya case and the Prashant Bhushan contempt of court case.

This is the first time in its 27-year history that the Government will have formally appointed to the Chairmanship of NHRC someone other than a former Chief Justice.

REALLY...?

- ***Karnataka Khadi Gramodyoga Samyukta Sangha in Hubballi is the only unit in the whole of India that is authorised to do the manufacturing and the supply of the National Flag of India.***
- ***Karnataka is known as the State with the largest production of Raw Silk in India.***
- ***Built in the year 1891, the Oriental Library, located in Mysore is the oldest library in India.***
- ***Mattur or Mathur is a village in Karnataka, which is known for its usage of Sanskrit for the communication.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Girlfriend to boyfriend: *How much do you love me?*
Boyfriend: *I am a mobile and you are my sim.*
Girlfriend: *Oh God... I am so lucky. You love me so much !!*
Boyfriend: *Thank God! She does not know this is a dual sim mobile!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.12
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.48
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.91
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.19

VOICE OF THE READER

Towards making
Mysuru COVID-19 free

Sir,

I would like to bring to the notice of our Deputy Commissioner as well as MCC Commissioner a few suggestions which I have gathered from a video talk by the great mimicry artiste Dayanand.

Our DC has sought cooperation of all the citizens and elected representatives to make Mysuru Corona-free by 1st of July which indeed is very highly appreciable but nonetheless a daunting task to achieve.

In this regard, I would like to suggest to rope in our elected representatives namely, Corporators, MLAs, MLCs and MP as well as Zilla and Taluk Panchayat members belonging to all parties to utilise their supporters and party workers to take the booth-wise electoral lists, make a survey of how many of them are vaccinated partially and fully and arrange for the vaccination of the voters who are senior citizens, poor people who cannot afford to pay for the vaccination and who have no vehicle for visiting the vaccination centres.

Based on the number to be vaccinated, additional centres for vaccine administration can be arranged apart from Hospitals (both Government and Private), PHCs and at the Polling Stations which are permanently marked with booth numbers. The particular booth and the list be entrusted to a group of volunteers chosen by the administration in consultation with the elected representatives so that all those in the list be vaccinated.

Total vaccination of citizens of Mysuru would be the first step towards keeping COVID away. Apart from this, a strict vigilance be kept at various places of shopping to control crowding and ensuring physical distance, mask wearing etc., with the help of Police, NSS and NCC volunteers.

If the vaccination and public awareness is taken care of, Mysuru can reach the milestone of Corona-free and become a model for other cities in Karnataka as well as in India.

—B.G. Balaji
Kanakadasanagar
2.6.2021

Four ICU treated Corona patients walk
back home from Super Speciality Hospital

Mysuru, June 3 (SSV)- Four patients, who were in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital on KRS Road here for the last few days, walked back home with a big smile on their face yesterday.

Though over 30 patients have been discharged since a few days, the discharge of these four patients had gained importance since they came to the Hospital in a critical condition with the saturation level recording around 60 and had spent anxious days for remaining in non-invasive ventilation for some days. After recovery from Corona, they returned home safely.

A host of doctors, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, Hospital Nodal Officer Dr. Mohan and other dignitaries were present to accord them a warm sendoff from the Hospital.

The COVID Care Centre, which is situated on the third floor of the Hospital, is managed by Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital and Asha Kirana Hospital, for free.

Dr. H.V. Santhrupth, Managing Director, Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Group of Hospitals, told *SOM* that of the four patients, one or two have to be on oxygen support for some more time. They have been given oxygen concentrators to use and return it after recovery. Unlike the first wave of COVID-19, some of the Corona positive patients, who got discharged from ICU in second wave, were facing difficulty in breathing, even after treatment.

He said recovery of patients in ICU was definitely a good sign, but people need to be careful for some more months. The number of patients recovering from Hospitals has surpassed the Corona positive cases daily. Unlike previous months, beds are available for patients who are in need of it. This indicates that the situation is slowly coming back to normal in the District, he opined.

Dr. Gurumurthy of Asha Kirana Hospital, Dr. Raghunath, Dr. Lakshmikanth and others were present.

SC pulls up Centre on paid
COVID vaccine policy for 18-44 age group

New Delhi, June 3 (UNI)- The Supreme Court on Wednesday said that the Centre's policy of free vaccination for those aged 45 and above and a paid system for those between 18-44 age group is "arbitrary and irrational."

A bench of Justices D.Y. Chandrachud, L. Nageswara Rao and S. Ravindra Bhat in the *suo moto* case on COVID related issues, asserted that many people in 18-44 group have not only been infected by COVID but have also suffered severe complications, including prolonged hospitalisation and deaths in some unfortunate cases.

"Due to the importance of vaccinating individuals in the 18-44 age group, the policy of the Centre for conducting free vaccination themselves for groups under the first two phases and replacing it with paid vaccination by the State and UT Governments and Private Hospitals for the persons between 18 - 44 years is, *prima facie,* arbitrary and irrational," the Top Court observed.

The Bench has directed the Centre to review its vaccination policy and furnish a roadmap of projected availability of vaccines till December 31, 2021, while pointing out several other loopholes in the context of shortage of vaccine for rural people.

The next hearing of the case would be on June 30.

Anwar Baig is Acting Mayor

Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig and MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag greeting each other after Baig took over as the in-charge Mayor yesterday.

Mysuru, June 3 (RKB&DM)- With the Karnataka High Court annulling the election of Rukimini Madegowda of the JD(S) as Corporator from MCC Ward 36 (Yaraganahalli and Ambedkar Colony), Rukmini stands disqualified as Mayor.

Subsequent to Rukmini Madegowda's disqualification as Mayor, Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig of the Congress will function as the acting city Mayor till the fresh Mayoral polls on June 11.

Anwar Baig took charge of the office of the Mayor on Wednesday after obtaining a letter to this effect from MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag.

Speaking to presspersons after assuming office as the acting Mayor, Anwar Baig said that it is for the first time in the 38 year history of MCC that the election of a Corporator was annulled when functioning as the city Mayor. Noting that he has got an opportunity to occupy the Mayor's office, albeit temporarily, he said that he will use the opportunity for bringing out the best in him. Pointing out that he will function as acting Mayor till June 11, he said that his first priority is to bring COVID under control in the city.

Maintaining that he will hold meeting with officials on COVID control measures from Thursday itself, he said that he will also review other development works undertaken by the MCC.

The MCC will take all emergency measures that are needed for reducing COVID case fatalities, he added.

Meanwhile, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag said that the polls for electing a new Mayor will take place at 12 noon on June 11. However, in case the lockdown is extended beyond June 7, a decision on whether to conduct the election or not will be taken after consultation with the Regional Commissioner, she added.

Flying Training Academies to
come up in Kalaburagi, Belagavi

New Delhi, June 3- The Government of India will set up five Flying Training Academies in the country which included Kalaburagi and Belagavi in Karnataka. Other three places are Jalgaon, Khajuraho and Lilabari.

These Academies are set up under the liberalised Flying Training Organisation (FTO) policy of the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

Attesting to the perseverance and determination of the team of the AAI is the fact that they successfully managed to finalise the bidding process amid the challenging period caused due to the second wave of COVID-19. These five airports have been carefully chosen since they have minimal disruption due to weather issues and civil/military air traffic. This initiative will help the Indian flying training sector in becoming more self-sustaining under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative.

The AAI had invited bids for the same in November 2020.

NEWS BRIEFS

Appointment of Nurses: Direct interview tomorrow

The District Health and Family Welfare Department will conduct a direct interview for appointment as Nurses (13 posts) at various hospitals coming under the Department in the district, at 10 am tomorrow (June 4). The interview will take place at the DHO office in Nazarbad. The appointment is purely temporary.

The candidates must have a B.Sc (Nursing) degree. The upper age limit for General category candidates is 35 years, for OBC candidates - 38 years and for SC/ST candidates - 40 years. Interested candidates can attend the direct interview along with all original certificates and other documents. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2529205, according to a press release.

Last date extended

Mysuru Taluk Social Welfare Department, which had invited online applications from eligible SC students for availing post-matric student scholarships for 2020-21, has extended the last date for submission of applications to June 15. The annual income of the parents of applicant student must not exceed Rs. 2.5 lakh. Eligible students can apply online through website ***ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in*** and link Aadhaar number with their Bank account. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2520910, according to a release from the Department Assistant Director (Grade-1).

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	124.80	feet
Yesterday	87.64	feet
Inflow	754	cusecs
Outflow	389	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	2,284.00	feet
Today	2,264.34	feet
Inflow	646	cusecs
Outflow	700	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	2,859.00	feet
Today	2,822.77	feet
Inflow	140	cusecs
Outflow	80	cusecs

'All parties helped mitigate Corona crisis in KR segment'

Krishnaraja (KR) MLA S.A. Ramdas has been on the hot seat following surge in Corona positive cases in city. Being tested positive for the deadly virus, the MLA underwent home isolation for some days and got back into action again. Talking to *Star of Mysore*, he shared his experiences in handling this pandemic in his Constituency.

By S.B. Devaraj

KR MLA S.A. Ramdas

SOM: How has been the COVID management in your Constituency?

Ramdas: Our party workers are on streets and helping people since the first wave hit the society and continue their service even now as the second wave has put people into severe hardship. Be it a Block President or party worker, every one is working efficiently. Forty ASHA workers and 20 NHM workers are visiting every house to instil confidence. If any positive case is reported, such person is contacted immediately to boost his/her morale. Even primary contacts are subjected to testing.

SOM: What are the special arrangements for immediate helping of positive patients?

Ramdas: Ambulances are available during day time easily but not during night. Three patients faced severe problems during night as they were sent back by hospitals despite being allotted bed in hospitals. One patient was sent to Nanjangud due to non-availability of bed in city. In the wake of this, two ambulances are stationed at my office to provide free service during night. In case of more help, I will intervene and sort it out. Distribution of medicine kit is going on in my Constituency.

SOM: How are Ward Task Forces functioning in your Constituency?

Ramdas: All of them are working fine and the Corporators of other parties are also extending full co-operation. There is a perfect co-ordination among officers and elected representatives.

SOM: What about attention on non-COVID patients? How are they being looked after?

Ramdas: Our team is helping aged and home alone men/ women suffering from non-COVID ailments. Medicines are delivered to their doorsteps. Spectacles have been provided to over 200 persons who had vision problems apart from issuing letters to the needy for free surgery. People suffering from breathlessness for long time are arranged treatment in different hospitals. Ambulances are arranged for taking dialysis required citizens and dropping back home.

SOM: Any special arrangements for care on home isolated patients?

Ramdas: Our eight volunteers call home isolated patients daily to enquire their health. Besides, they instil confidence among them. In case of any health complication, they will be shifted to hospital for treatment.

SOM: What about your concern for poor and daily wage workers?

Ramdas: Medicines and food kits have been distributed to the needy besides providing other required service. Pension has been restored, thanks to help from Tahsildhar. Similarly, other pensions too have been sanctioned. Some of them have got facilities from Labour Department.

SOM: There is lack of coordination among officers and elected representatives? Your take.

Ramdas: We need to work in tandem without giving scope for any confusion. I have written letters to Chief Minister (CM), District Minister and the DC regarding shortfalls in medical facilities and the same have been sorted out. The other side of Step-Down Hospital came to fore after my visit. Every evening, details on bed, ambulances and other facilities are shared. I can proudly say that everything is arranged in my Constituency for everyone's satisfaction.

CEO visits GPs, CCCs at T.N. Pur, Periyapatna

Mysuru, June 3 (SSV)- Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) A.M. Yogesh visited several Gram Panchayats (GPs) in T. Narasipur taluk and reviewed the steps taken to check the COVID pandemic.

He visited Bannur COVID Hospital, reviewed its functioning and heard problems. From there, he went to Maleyur Gram Panchayat (GP) and took COVID-related information. Yogesh sought to know whether villages in this GP limits are sanitised or not. He then asked officers concerned to undertake sanitisation in all the villages without fail. Later, he visited **COVID Care Centre (CCC)** and interacted with COVID patients.

The CEO also visited Kodagahalli and Kethupura villages, visited the CCCs and also collected information about the ongoing works under MGNREGA scheme. Later, he went to Somanathapura GP and Primary Health Centre (PHC) and gave instructions to conduct Rapid Antigen Test (RAT).

ZPCEO A.M. Yogesh making a point during the interaction with the Task Force Members at Athahalli GP in T. Narasipur taluk. Picture right shows the CEO during his visit to the specially abled vaccination centre at Hitnehebbagilu.

At Maleyur CCC, the CEO held discussion with doctors about the prevailing condition.

Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda, Karnataka Compost Development Corporation (KCDC) Chairman S. Mahadevaiah, Mysore Paints and Varnish (MyLAC) Chairman N.V. Phaneesh, Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) Chairman N.R. Krishnappa Gowda, Superintendent of Police C.B. Ryshyanth and District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. T. Amarnath were present.

Periyapatna visit

The CEO also visited few GPs and PHCs at Periyapatna to have a check on the COVID management in the taluk. He visited Kampalapura, Ramanathatunga,Kirinalli, Hitnehebbagilu, Bhuvanahalli, Komalapura GPs and took information about COVID data.

During his visit, he interacted with Doctors, ASHA and Anganwadi workers there. He further stated that 'Vaidyara Nade-Halliya Kade (Doctors' walk towards villages)' programme has been launched and accordingly, Doctors, ASHA and Anganwadi workers must visit every house in the village and if anyone is found with COVID symptoms, must conduct COVID test on the spot to provide necessary treatment. During his visit, the CEO also reviewed the working of COVID War Room in the GPs. He inspected specially abled vaccination centre at Hitnebagilu GP, told the beneficiaries to get vaccinated and if at all, any health issues arises, immediately take treatment, he suggested.

Periyapatna TP EO Krishnakumar and others were present.

After mass cremation in Bengaluru, mass immersion at Mandya

Unclaimed ashes of 850 COVID victims immersed in Cauvery

Revenue Minister R. Ashok leads rituals; gives dignity to the dead

Mandya District Minister K.C. Narayanagowda, Revenue Minister R. Ashok and others taking part in the rituals led by Vedic scholar Dr. Bhanuprakash Sharma on the banks of River Cauvery in Mandya yesterday.

Mandya, June 3 (MR&BCT)- COVID infection is dangerous but is it so dangerous that even after death there is a risk of infection? When an infected patient dies, the body is completely sanitised and given to the family for cremation in a leak-proof plastic body bag but the family members are even afraid to take the ashes after the funeral for immersion in holy rivers.

The Karnataka Government has taken on itself the task of immersion of ashes and yesterday afternoon, ashes of over 850 COVID-19 victims in Bengaluru were immersed in the Cauvery in a ceremony near Belakavadi village in Malavalli taluk of Mandya district. The feat gave dignity to the dead and Revenue Minister R. Ashok himself led the rituals that were supervised by noted astrologer and Vedic scholar Dr. Bhanuprakash Sharma and a team of 12 priests.

Ashok was accompanied by Mandya District Minister K.C. Narayanagowda, MLA Annadani, Deputy Commissioner S. Aswathi and the event was held at River Cauvery near Kashi Vishwanathaswamy Temple.

Following a spike in the number of deaths, the State Government had

organised mass cremations in Bengaluru at Tavarekere and Giddenahalli open-air crematoria where over 850 bodies were burnt and the ashes were gathered and stored for the family members to collect. However, many families refused to collect the ashes fearing the stigma attached to the infected patients.

More and more families refused to turn up to collect ashes despite appeals and as a result, the urns piled up. That's when the Government took up the task of last rites and this is the first mass immersion of ashes on such a scale. The urns included of those entire families that were wiped out by COVID.

AS PER TRADITIONS

Hindus cremate their dead and the ashes are scattered over rivers considered sacred or over some other place of importance to the deceased. At the event, puja rituals like *Maha Ganapathi puja, akala marana prayaschitha, Narayana bali, thilahoma, pinda pradhana* and *asthinarayana puja* were performed. The Ministers sat in front of kalasha and homa kundala to perform the rituals as directed by the priests.

The last rites were held as per the religious background of the deceased. While the unclaimed bodies of Christians and Muslims were buried as per their traditions, the bodies of Hindus were cremated and the ashes immersed in the river.

"Today, we are immersing ashes in the Cauvery River. It is considered holy and it will help reach heaven. The families of those who died, for various reasons, could not collect the ashes. They are going through difficult times. The Government is sharing the pain with them and trying to step into the part of the family. It is an emotional issue for us all, brothers and sisters of Karnataka people. It is my duty as Revenue Minister to do this sacred task," Ashok told reporters.

The Minister also said that distressing scenes from North India, of the disposal of bodies, were a factor in his action. "We are seeing in the Ganga, thousands of bodies of those who died in COVID times," he said. "The birds are eating ...This is a shame to us. So we decided to give a respectful farewell to all the bodies. That is my duty," he added.

Mandya SP Ashwini, former BBMP Commissioner Manjunatha Prasad, Additional DC Shailaja, Assistant Commissioner Aishwarya, Tahsildar M. Vijayanna and others were present.

10,000 Olympic volunteers quit ahead of Tokyo Games: Organisers

Tokyo, June 3- Around 10,000 of 80,000 planned Tokyo 2020 Olympic volunteers have quit, organisers have revealed as they battle persistent doubts over the Games with just 50 days until the opening ceremony on July 23.

Tokyo 2020 Chief Seiko Hashimoto ruled out a further postponement of the Games, speaking to a Japan sports paper and said cancellation would only happen in catastrophic circumstance such as most delegations not being able to come to Japan.

On Wednesday night, Tokyo 2020 CEO Toshiro Muto told local media that around 10,000 volunteers — who are vital to the smooth running of the massive event — have quit, largely over Coronavirus concerns. Others dropped out after the Games were postponed by a year, or in protest over sexist remarks made by Hashimoto's predecessor who was forced to resign. Some of the volunteers are also likely to be among the approximately 80 percent of people in Japan who oppose hosting the Games this year.

Muto said the reduction in volunteers would not affect the running of the Games because the event has been scaled back, so fewer people are needed.

PARTICIPANTS CUT

Overseas fans have already been barred from attending and a decision on whether to allow domestic spectators is expected later this month after the state of emergency in Tokyo ends on June 20.

The number of overseas officials and participants coming for the Games has been cut by about half, to around 78,000, with calls for further reductions. Australia's softball team earlier this week became the first Olympic athletes to arrive in Japan for the Olympics, a major step forward.

Karnataka seeks new name as Brand KSRTC becomes Kerala's

Karnataka retains *Gandaberunda* emblem

Bengaluru, June 3 (BCT)- KSRTC (Kerala State Road Transport Corporation) became Kerala's own brand, legally and truly and Karnataka cannot repurpose the brand — Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation — any longer. Trade Marks Registry has certified that the abbreviation KSRTC, logo and the name '*Aanavandi*' shall belong to Kerala Road Transport Corporation. But the emblem of *Gandaberunda* still belongs to Karnataka.

This comes after years of legal battle that initially started after Karnataka issued a notice to Kerala in 2014 asking the neighbouring State to stop using abbreviation KSRTC for its transport services. Meanwhile, Karnataka had registered and won ownership over KSRTC brand with the *Gandaberunda* icon (two-headed mythical bird) in 2014 after which the notice was issued.

Later, Kerala filed an appeal with the Trade Marks Registry and closely followed up the case and Kerala has won the case now. Henceforth, Karnataka cannot use the acronym KSRTC unless it takes an alternative legal recourse.

A PIECE OF HISTORY

Kerala convinced the Trade Marks Registry that it has been using the KSRTC acronym since 1965 while Karnataka first used it in 1973 after the reunification and integration of Karnataka. It was MGRTD (Mysore Government Road Transport Department) earlier and was inaugurated on Sept. 12, 1948 with 120 buses.

In 1961, after being successfully converted into an independent Corporation all assets and liabilities of MGRTD were transferred to MSRTC (Mysore State Road Transport Corporation). On Oct.1 1961, Bangalore Transport Service merged with the MSRTC. On Nov. 1, 1973 the Mysore State was renamed into Karnataka State and also on the same date, MSRTC was renamed into KSRTC. On its part, Kerala presented all evidence with photographs and literature to claim ownership over the acronym as it was using it since 1965 and Karnataka began using it only after 1973. Kerala RTC MD and Transport Secretary Biju Prabhakar told reporters in Thiruvananthapuram yesterday that KSRTC can now be used only for Kerala and therefore, a notice will be sent to Karnataka soon.

"The history of KSRTC in Kerala is intertwined with the lives of the people. It is not just a vehicle service. KSRTC has left its mark in cinema, literature, our culture. It cannot be erased that easily. I am happy with the verdict and congratulate the officials who worked for this. This is an achievement for KSRTC," said Kerala Transport Minister Antony Raju.

"We will comment after getting the certified copy of the order and taking legal advice," said Shivayogi Kalasad, MD, Karnataka RTC.

ALTERNATIVE NAMES

Meanwhile, there are many names floating around in social media on the probable and suitable names to KSRTC. D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman R. Raghu (Kautilya) has suggested that the new name could be 'Kannada Saarige' as Kannada is Karnataka and Karnataka is Kannada. He has suggested to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa that if named 'Kannada Saarige' the buses can travel along the length and breadth of India carrying the Kannada name.

Another name that is doing the rounds on social media is 'Suvarna Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (SKSRTC). This is a minor variant and only 'Suvarna' can be added to the existing acronym. Suvarna is already part of the Karnataka transport service in the form of 'Suvarna Saarige', posts read.

From MGRTD to KSRTC

▶ 1948	Mysore Government Road Transport Department (MGRTD)
▶ 1961	Mysore State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC)
▶ 1973	Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC)
▶ 2021	KSRTC goes to Kerala — Kerala State Road Transport Corporation

Vaccine hesitancy among Pourakarmikas worries MCC

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However, this too has not had any effect on Pourakarmikas. This comes even as three MCC Pourakarmikas succumbing to COVID infection in the last one month.

There could be even other reasons for vaccine hesitancy among Pourakarmikas. While more and more people are getting vaccinated and without developing any debilitating side-effects, the true reasons for hesitancy in this key group are unknown but are worrying officers.

These Pourakarmikas come in contact with people during their official duties, but have hesitated in taking the vaccine shot. Officials say that only 60 workers have been vaccinated. "During a recent vaccination drive, a few frontline workers hesitated to take the vaccine as they feared its side-effects. However, we managed to convince them to take the vaccine through counselling," said MCC health officers.

Pourakarmikas undergoing COVID test at Chikkagadiyara. Picture right shows KSRTC ferrying civic workers.

"We have appealed to all healthcare and frontline workers to get vaccinated. However, a few have chosen to stay away due to lack of awareness and fear of falling ill. As a result, the vaccination drive received a lukewarm response," officials admitted.

Meanwhile, former Krishnaraja MLA M.K. Somashekar has appealed to all Pourakarmikas to get vaccinated. Listening to their grievances at Vidyaranyapuram yesterday, Somashekar has said that it is important for them to get vaccinated as they come in contact with thousands of people every day in the line of duty. He opined that a special vaccination drive must be held and all the civic workers must compulsorily take the jab.

The ex-MLA was accompanied by Sujeev Seva Samsthe's Rajaram, Ward President Shankar, leader Gunashekar and others.

Buses for Pourakarmikas

In a novel initiative, the MCC has launched free pick-up and drop service to Pourakarmikas who come to the Central Business District for cleaning work and other essential tasks. Four buses have been hired by the MCC to ferry the workers from various parts of the city as there is no public transport facility due to lockdown.

While the four buses have been hired from KSRTC, B.S. Prashanth of Safe Wheels has donated 9 tempo travellers for this purpose. These vehicles are also tasked with bringing Pourakarmikas to the RT-PCR testing venues at Chikkagadiyara for mass testing. The MCC has taken this action as many of the Pourakarmikas have either not taken vaccine at all or have just taken the first dose.

These buses travel in all nine MCC Zones and Pourakarmikas are picked up from designated locations. After work too, they are picked up from fixed destinations and dropped back home.

Unruly Crowds...

Vendors say two-day a week — 6 am to 12 noon — too short a time for shoppers

A scene on Benki Nawab Street this morning. Picture right shows two-way traffic on Sayyaji Rao Road.

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People thronged Chikka Gadiyara, Santhepet, Boti Bazar, Devaraja Mohalla, Shivarampet, Devaraja Market and surrounding areas to purchase vegetables and non-vegetarian items. Sensing that the crowds are becoming unmanageable, senior Police officers including City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, DCPs Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and M.S. Geetha Prasanna and ACPs had to intervene in crowd-controlling measures.

They visited each and every shop in vegetable and meat markets and asked people from where they had come and their address and phone numbers were noted down. If they found people coming from far off places, they were asked to leave immediately and go for purchases in the shops at their localities. A vehicle that was carrying loads of vegetables was stopped and when questioned by DCP Geetha Prasanna, the purchasers said that they had come to shop essentials for a wedding.

Vendors complain

Merchants were warned that their licences would be cancelled if social distancing was not maintained. Even the vendors expressed their helplessness as most of the days markets are closed and are open only for two days a week and naturally the crowds will be more. "We are allowed to open from 6 am to 12 noon and we are forcibly evicted at 11.30 am. How can we sell our vegetables in this short hour," questioned Nagamma who was selling a heap of green leaves and carrots.

But as soon as the Police teams left the shops, it was crowding as usual and there was no semblance of social distancing. Yusuf, an egg dealer, complained to the Police that the relaxation hours are too short for them to make any business. "Minimum relaxation attracts maximum crowds. We are reeling under terrible losses since the last one year. At least we must be allowed to open on alternate days instead of just two days a week. Has the COVID positive rate and death rate in Mysuru come down with tougher lockdown," he asked.

Heavy traffic

Apart from markets, ATMs and petrol pumps, meat and chicken shops in residential extensions such as Medar Block, Surya Bakery Circle, Vijayanagar High Tension Road, the roads that link Saraswathipuram and Kuvempunagar too reported crowding as people thronged shops to buy fish and meat. The main thoroughfares of the city witnessed traffic snarls as people and vehicles poured onto the roads.

Though inter-district travel has been banned except for emergencies, the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway and the Highways towards H.D. Kote, T, Narasipur and Hunsur reported heavy traffic today. However, after 12 noon, the traffic thinned out as the relaxation period closed.

Vehicles of shoppers parked on Sayyaji Rao Road this morning.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, who too was in the field this morning to supervise lockdown situation, advising a shopper near Dufferin Clock Tower as DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda looks on.

Can COVID be detected through sound? Yes, say IISc scientists

New Delhi, June 3- A team of Scientists from the Indian Institute of Sciences (IISc), Bengaluru, have claimed that it was possible to detect COVID that too with 93 percent accuracy by using acoustics and symptoms.

The team was in the process to submit the results of research to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for final approval.

'Project Coswara' was launched last year as an attempt to build a diagnostic tool for COVID diagnosis based on respiratory, cough and speech sounds. The research direction of identifying acoustic biomarkers of respiratory diseases has received renewed interest following the onset of COVID pandemic. The team conducted a study to understand how respiratory sounds of healthy individuals are different from that of COVID patients and collected sound and symptom samples from 1,699 participants (157 COVID positive) in the age group of 15 to 80 years.

"In this paper, we design an approach to COVID diagnostic using crowd-sourced multimodal data. The data resource, consisting of acoustic signals such as cough, breathing and speech signals, along with the data of symptoms, are recorded using a web-application over a period of ten months," said authors, as the study is under review in the IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics.

According to Sriram Ganapathy, Assistant Professor at IISc, the sound-based diagnostic test for COVID shows 93 percent accuracy and they are ready to approach the ICMR for final approval for commercial use. "We would like to point out that the majority of the data came from participants who had just been discharged from the hospital facility. This indicates that the acoustic bio-markers of COVID may last for longer periods of time. We foresee that the use of simple classifiers and models would allow the diagnostic methods to be more interpretable. The proposed methodology combines all the advantages of being a rapid, low-cost, scalable and remotely usable testing approach," he noted.

The data used in this study comes from a web-based crowd-sourced data collection platform. Each participant contributes 9 audio recordings — shallow and deep breathing, shallow and heavy cough, sustained phonation of three vowels and fast and normal pace 1-20 number counting. Alongside this, each participant also records current health status (COVID infection, symptoms and co-morbidity, if any), gender, age and broad geographical location.

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service	
06518	Mangaluru	KSR Bengaluru	05.50	08.40	Fri, Sun & Tue	Fully reserved
07326	Mysuru	Belagavi	05.50	08.40	Daily	Unreserved
06558	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.10	09.15	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06229	Mysuru	Varanasi	07.20	09.55	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
02975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.40	12.55	Thu & Sat	Fully reserved
02578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.40	13.20	Friday	Fully reserved
06201	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily	Partially unreserved
06315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50	16.35	Daily	Fully reserved
07307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.30	16.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.45	17.00	Daily	Unreserved
02786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06535	Mysuru	Solapur	15.45	18.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.30	18.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	21.05	Daily	Fully reserved
06210	Mysuru	Ajmer	18.35	21.30	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
06582	Mysuru	Hubballi	19.00	21.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.30	22.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06022	Mysuru	Chennai	21.00	23.45	Daily	Fully reserved
08118	Mysuru	Howrah	23.45	02.05	Sunday	Fully reserved

STAR OF MYSORE Service to readers

DEPARTING FROM KSR BENGALURU AND ARRIVING MYSURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Bengaluru Departure	Mysuru Arrival	Days of Service	
08117	Howrah	Mysuru	00.30	03.15	Sunday	Fully reserved
06209	Ajmer	Mysuru	03.30	06.00	Tue & Sun	Fully reserved
06021	Chennai	Mysuru	03.55	06.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06228	Talguppa	Mysuru	04.30	07.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	05.55	08.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06581	Hubballi	Mysuru	06.20	09.20	Daily	Fully reserved
02785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.45	09.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	07.00	09.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06536	Solapur	Mysuru	07.50	11.00	Daily	Fully reserved
06316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	08.45	11.20	Daily	Fully reserved
06257	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	09.20	12.45	Daily	Unreserved
07308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	11.15	13.50	Daily	Fully reserved
02976	Jaipur	Mysuru	13.00	15.45	Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
06202	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
07325	Belagavi	Mysuru	17.45	20.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
02577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	18.40	21.40	Thursday	Fully reserved
06557	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	19.00	22.10	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06517	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	20.30	23.05	Wed, Fri & Sun	Fully reserved
06230	Varanasi	Mysuru	23.30	02.15	Mon & Sat	Fully reserved

TOWARDS HUBBALLI AND BACK VIA HASSAN, ARSIKERE, DAVANGERE & HAVERI

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	05.00	09.25	Daily	Unreserved
06214	Mysuru	Arsikere	18.20	22.25	Daily	Unreserved
01036	Mysuru	Dadar	06.15	05.30 (next day)	Sunday	Fully Reserved
01035	Dadar	Mysuru	21.30	21.40 (next day)	Thursday	Fully Reserved
06225	Mysuru	Arsikere	10.15	13.20	Daily	Unreserved
06226	Arsikere	Mysuru	13.25	16.50	Daily	Unreserved
07301	Mysuru	Dharwad	22.30	08.05	Daily	Fully Reserved
07302	Dharwad	Mysuru	20.50	07.05	Daily	Fully Reserved

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Passengers can buy unreserved tickets three days in advance for journeys beyond 200 kms at:

1) Booking Office, Mysore Railway Station
2) Tejaswi Enterprises, # 115, opposite Thaponandana Park, Panchamanthra Road, Kuvempunagar, Mysore570 023 (Ph: 2341111)
3) Ravitheja Enterprises #514 Bharath Mansion, New Kalidasa Road, Vijayanagar 1st stage, Mysore (08214256789).

For battery operated vehicle facility call Mob: 97316-18884

NOTE: *Computerised Advanced Reservation facility is also available at Sri Ganapati Sachchidananda Ashram Post Office (Ph: 0821 2417311) and Siddarthanagar Post Office (Ph: 0821 2417335), Sharma Services, Keerthi Plaza, Chamundipuram, Mysore Ph: 08214289032. Railway timetable is published in Star of Mysore every Thursday.*

Cabinet approves Model Tenancy Act for circulation to States

New Delhi, June 3 (UNI)- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved the Model Tenancy Act for circulation to all States and Union Territories for adaptation by way of enacting fresh Legislation or amending existing Rental Laws suitably.

It will help overhaul the legal framework with respect to rental housing across the country, which would help spur its overall growth, an official statement said here.

The Model Tenancy Act aims at creating a vibrant, sustainable and inclusive rental housing market in the country. It will enable creation of adequate rental housing stock for all the income groups thereby addressing the issue of homelessness.

Model Tenancy Act will enable institutionalisation of rental housing by gradually shifting it towards the formal market.

The Model Tenancy Act will facilitate unlocking of vacant houses for rental housing purposes. It is expected to give a fillip to private participation in rental housing as a business model for addressing the huge housing shortage.

DECODING MYTHOLOGY

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

Where do Rishis come from?

Many believe Rishis are special beings, who have access to special mantras. They understand the vibrations of the universe. They communicate these mantras through words, chants and hymns of Vedas. They play a very important role in Vedic literature. They can summon the Gods; they can curse the Gods. They can create harmony between Gods and humans. This makes them very powerful. But where did they originate from?

In the later Puranas (1,500 years old), Brahma's mind creates them. Hence, they are the Manas Putra, the mind-born sons of Brahma. Yet, in Vedic literature known as Brahmanas (2,500 years old), the origin is interesting. In one story, the Gods, Mitra and Varuna, see the apsara, Urvashi and spill their semen. The semen falls partly on the ground, partly on a pot and partly in water.

From what falls on the ground, Vasishta is born. From what falls on the pot, Agastya is born and from what falls in the water, Matsya is born. The Vedic scripture known as Brahaddevata (2,000 years old) has similar stories. Here, Goddess Vak (speech) takes the form of a woman while Gods, Ka and Prajapati, are performing yagya. Seeing her, they spill semen. From the semen, fire and its embers are born Angiras, Bhrigu and Atreya.

These are obviously metaphors to explain the obscure nature of the origins of Rishis. It raises many questions: Why are the fathers twin Gods? Why are two male Gods necessary for the production of Rishis? Why does an apsara cause their arousal? Why does the semen not fall inside the body of the apsara, but instead inside of a pot or on the ground and in water? We can speculate the answers.

In later literature, like the Mahabharata and Ramayana, one finds similar stories. Bhardwaj sees the apsara and spills semen, which falls in a pot. Drona is born from this. Vyasa, seeing an apsara, takes the form of a parrot, spills semen on fire sticks, from which Suka Muni is born. Vibhandaka sees an apsara, spills semen which is eaten by a deer, who gives birth to the horned Rishyasringa. Saradvan sees the apsara Janapadi, releases semen on weeds, that turn into a boy and a girl are born, Kirpa and Kirpai.

Are these tales of Aryan men, who migrated to India and married non-Aryan women who were seen as pot, sticks, weeds and ground? Are these illegitimate births, outside marriage? Are these abandoned children? Are these queer men attaching themselves to polyandrous women? Depending on our own emotional and sexual maturity, our anthropological and sociological lens, our politics and our comfort zones, we can read the scriptures in different ways. What they can reveal is that the 'original Vedic seers' were not born from whatever we now call 'pure' unions.

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New Mayoral polls: Political activities hots up in all three major parties

Mysuru, June 3 (DM)- With the announcement of the date for the new Mayoral polls (June 11), political activities in all the three major political parties — BJP, Congress and JD(S) — has hottened up, with each party working out fresh strategies for getting the Mayor post, which has become vacant following the disqualification of Rukmini Madegowda of the JD(S).

Currently, Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig of the Congress, which is the coalition partner in the ruling dispensation in the MCC, is functioning as the Acting Mayor and will continue till fresh election takes place on June 11.

Rukmini Madegowda, who was elected on a JD(S) ticket from Ward 36, was selected by the party for the Mayor's post, despite the fact that an election case was pending against her in the High Court. The JD(S), which struck a last minute deal with the Congress, after being successful in maintaining suspense for days together, got the Mayor's post and its partner, the Congress, getting the Deputy Mayor post in the election held on Feb. 24, 2021.

The JD(S), which is ruling the MCC in coalition with the Congress since the last polls was held in 2018, is said to have taken the decision to field Rukmini for the Mayor post, in order to break the influence wielded by disgruntled JD(S) Chamundeshwari MLA G. T. Devegowda, with Rukmini's husband Madegowda being a ZP member of an area coming under the Assembly segment. But with the disqualification of Rukmini as the Mayor following the annulment of her election from Ward 36 Corporator, has forced the JD(S) to look for another formidable candidate from its women Corporators, with no change in reservation (Mayor post is reserved for General Category woman). No party has an absolute majority in the 65-member MCC (now reduced to 64 with the disqualification of Rukmini) and as such an alliance between any two parties is inevitable.

Meanwhile, the BJP whose hopes of occupying the Mayor post in February last were dashed at the last minute with the JD(S) failing to come out of its alliance with the Congress, is said to be determined to get the post this time. Senior-most member in the Council Sunanda Palanetra, who is a long time member of the BJP, is the front runner for the post again, after having lost out in the race in the Feb.24 Mayoral election after the JD(S) refused to back the BJP. Sunanda Palanetra had walked out in tears when she lost the polls, after being very much hopeful until the last minute.

Excise Department takes measures to curb illicit liquor

Mysuru, June 3- The Excise Department has taken measures to curb storage, transportation and sale of illicit liquor in the district.

In a press release, the Deputy Commissioner of Excise said that despite lockdown and semi-lockdown in force in several States, the illicit liquor tragedy in a Uttar Pradesh village, which claimed the lives of at least 11 people, has forced the Department to take more stricter measures to check illicit liquor trade.

In this backdrop, the members of the public can call the following numbers:

Excise Inspector Zone-1: 94491-30867

Excise Inspector Zone-2: 94497-21835

Excise Inspector Zone-3: 89042-57177

Excise Inspector Zone-4: 90353-42157

Deputy Superintendent of Excise: 94495-97182

Deputy Commissioner of Excise: 94495-97176.

Unidentified man dies in road accident

Mysuru, June 3 (KS)- An unidentified man, who was crossing the Irwin Road, was killed on the spot when an unidentified vehicle rammed into him and sped away. The incident took place between 1.30 pm and 12 midnight on June 2.

The man was crossing Irwin Road near K.R. Hospital bus shelter when a speeding vehicle coming from City Railway Station side rammed into him and sped away.

The man, aged between 30 and 35 years, who suffered serious injuries to his head, breathed his last on the spot.

The deceased is 5.5 ft. tall, oily red complexioned, oval faced, lean built, has the name 'Muthu Arasamma' etched on his right hand and 'Anju' on the left hand and was wearing a cream coloured full arm shirt and grey coloured pant.

NR Traffic Police, who have registered a case, have urged the kith and kin of the deceased, if any, to contact NR Traffic Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418527 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release from the Inspector, NR Traffic Police Station, Mysuru.

Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar remembered in city

Mysuru, June 3 (PM&DM)- With stringent lockdown in force, Karnataka Sena Pade, taking advantage of the lockdown relaxation on Mondays and Thursdays, when provisions shops, grocery shops and other essential shops are allowed to open from 6 am to 12 noon, celebrated Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanti in the city this morning, a day in advance (official Jayanti is on June 4). However, the celebrations, held at K.R. Circle in the heart of the city, was simple and was held by following COVID-19 appropriate behaviour.

Speaking as the chief guest on the occasion, DCP Dr. A.M. Prakash Gowda said that the contribution of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar to the State was enormous.

Recalling that the erstwhile Mysuru Maharaja established many educational institutions of repute in the city, including University of Mysore (UoM), Hospitals and executed many other outstanding projects, he said that Krishnaraja Wadiyar is the ideal model for generations to come.

Marking the occasion, floral tributes were offered to the statue and a portrait of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar at K.R. Circle.

Karnataka Sena Pade President Tejesh Lokesh Gowda, social worker Raghuram Vajpayee and others were present.

Police will act according to Government guidelines if lockdown extended

Replying to a question on whether additional measures will be taken if the current stringent lockdown is extended beyond June 7, DCP Prakash Gowda said that today, when only permitted shops are allowed to open from 6 am to 12 noon, the Police have taken all necessary measures to ensure that crowding does not take place at any point and that the citizens adhere to COVID -19 appropriate behaviour.

Maintaining that the Police are working round-the-clock to ensure strict compliance of the stringent lockdown, according to which all shops, barring essentials, are shut for five days a week and allowed to open only on Mondays and Thursdays for a limited period, he appealed the citizens to avoid using vehicles and to do shopping only in their neighbourhood shops, in the interests of their own health and safety.

The Police Dept. will act as per the fresh set of guidelines that may probably be issued by the Government if the lockdown is extended beyond June 7, he added.

Obituary

Savitramma

Mysuru, June 3- Savitramma (82), wife of late H. Basappa and a resident of Vontikoppal, passed away yesterday afternoon in city.

She leaves behind five sons, one daughter, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam yesterday evening.

Yashoda

Yashoda (71), wife of Mahalingesh Transports Proprietor Vasanthkumar and a resident of Siddarthanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her husband, sons Nandeesh, Roopesh and Dinesh and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds at Lalithadripura this morning.

J. Naveen Kumar

J. Naveen Kumar (31), a resident of Alanahalli and a lecturer at Jain University in Bengaluru, passed away at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He had got married two months ago. He leaves behind his parents, wife, brother and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the family's farm land at Varuna today.

Y.N. Lakshminarayana

Y.N. Lakshminarayana (89), former President of Brahmana Sabha and a resident of Vidyaranyapuram, passed away on May 31 in city.

He leaves behind his wife, four brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Heliacal

Pronunciation: hih-LYE-uh-kul.
Meaning: Relating to or near the sun — used especially of the last setting of a star before and its first rising after invisibility due to conjunction with the sun.
Origin: The word heliacal rose in the mid-16th century. Its source is the Greek word hēlios, meaning "sun." Helios is also the Sun god of ancient Greece. Heliacal often suggests a relationship between a star and the sun as they appear to the human eye in the sky. It is also used in reference to the ancient Egyptian year, which began on the date when Sirius (or the Dog Star) first appeared on the eastern horizon at sunrise. English speakers have referred to this year as the heliacal year or the Sothic year. (Sothic comes from "Sōthēs," the Greek word for Sirius.)
Example: "Early sky watchers kept watch on the heavens in their attempts to correlate celestial and terrestrial activity and noticed that, during this brutally hot season, the star Sirius rose around the same time as the sun (its 'heliacal rising,' as we call it today), and the two moved across the daytime sky together." — Dennis Mammana, The Noozhawk (Santa Barbara, California).

THE ODD WORD

Hagiarchy

Government by saints or holy persons.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Handbags at ten paces

Meaning: 'Handbags at ten paces', sometimes shortened just to 'handbags', is a comic reference to a confrontation which is histrionic but doesn't involve physical violence. Such confrontations are also called handbag situations.
Origin: This British phrase might sound odd to anyone who is not familiar with the earlier pistols at ten paces, which relates to duelling. That phrase, and its counterpart pistols at dawn, were the stating of the arrangements that preceded duels. Such duels were dangerous and duellists were often killed, although the 'pistols' phrases owe more to Hollywood than historical record. The handbags at ten paces and handbags at dawn versions began to be used in the 1980s to describe confrontations between players in football matches. Professional footballers know they will be sent off if they hit another player, so emotion has to be expressed via posturing, facial grimacing and verbal abuse. The implication carried by the phrases was that, although a great deal of preamble to violence was shown, the actual confrontations were in the nature of 'I'll scratch you eyes out' cat-fights. These were typified by the many high-profile matches between Manchester United and Arsenal in the years around the turn of the millennium.

QUOTE BOX

In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.—**Mother Teresa**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

DIFFE RENCE

Answer: Split the difference.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (UK)
5 East European
9 A resort with a mineral spring
12 Poison-bearing tree
13 A metal cylinder
14 Bird's bill
15 Spasms affecting facial muscles
16 Use drugs to excess
18 Accra is its capital
20 Kind of footwear
21 Language you are most likely to hear in Bhubaneshwar
22 Bumped into
23 Old time movie __ Ka Panchchi
24 Deathly ___ : ashen?
27 Hairstyle
31 Rev. per min.
32 Mouth-like opening
34 Sir Hutton of cricket
35 You wear it on your foot
37 Working instrument
38 Eco. Comm. of Europe
39 Brownish gray
41 Cars with meters for hire?
43 Idiot box in the house? (2,3)
46 Not suitable
47 Goes in again (2-6)
50 Ski lift (1-3)
52 Irregular, abbr.
53 Otherwise
54 The girl in the wine-cellar
55 Bus. degree
56 Peruse
57 Remainder

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

D	I	E	D	■	S	H	A	D	■	H	O	B
I	N	T	I	■	T	E	R	A	B	Y	T	E
O	R	A	L	■	I	N	T	E	R	P	O	L
R	E	T	U	R	N	S	■	W	I	N	S	■
■	■	■	T	E	G	■	R	O	C	O	C	O
C	O	M	E	S	■	W	H	O	■	S	O	U
H	U	E	D	■	T	A	O	■	N	I	P	S
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T	R	E	P	A	N	■	A	R	R	■	■	■
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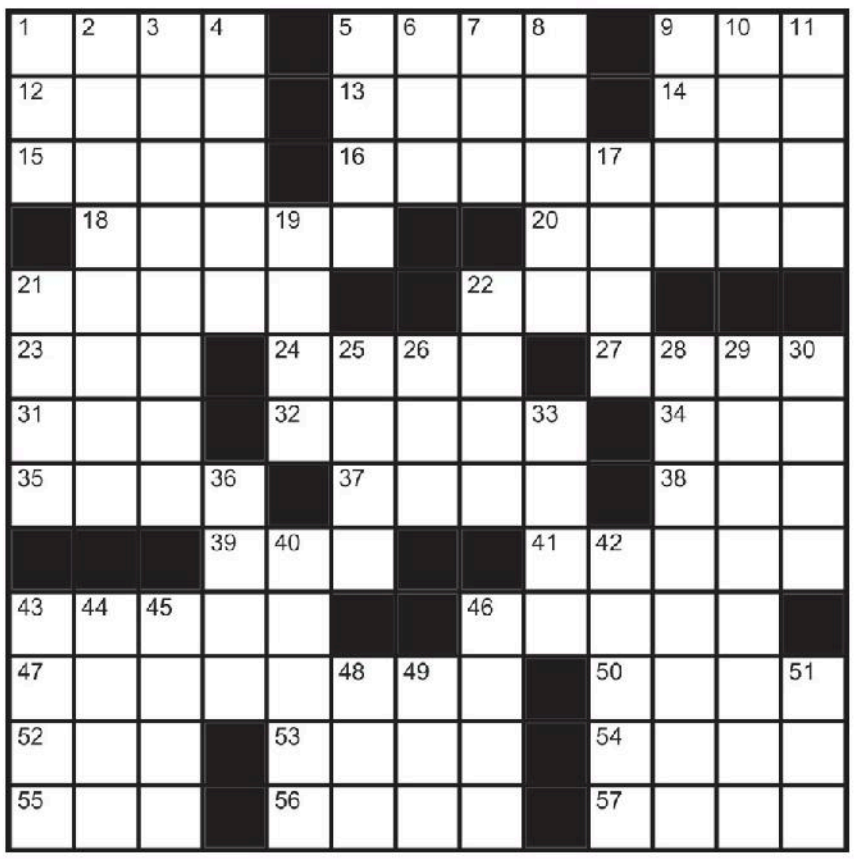
A	G	A	R	T	A	L	A	■	U	V	E	A
T	E	U	T	O	N	I	C	■	R	O	T	A
C	D	S	■	S	N	E	E	■	E	W	E	R

DOWN

1 Deep groove
2 Inscription or quotation on a statute
3 Exaggerated masculinity
4 Literary effort
5 Grecian portico
6 Twin brother of Kush
7 Actor Vigoda
8 The poet's work
9 Snooty one
10 Mexican monetary unit
11 Inspire or encourage
17 Given facts
19 Dozes or slumbers
21 Moves or advances as if by rowing
22 Short note
25 Memo starter
26 Card game
28 Lissome
29 Musical performances
30 Small bills
33 Alternate
36 The Biblical Garden
40 Absolute
42 Following
43 Clip; prune
44 Action word
45 Antitoxins
46 Employed
48 Estimated life expectancy
49 Rep. of S Africa?
51 Large mouse



SUDOKU

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	6						9	
		7	9	6	4	8		
	9			2			7	
			6		5			
	4			7			6	
		3	8	4	1	7		
	1						8	
4								3

Answer to previous puzzle

7	5	3	9	8	1	4	6	2
2	6	1	7	3	4	8	9	5
9	8	4	2	6	5	7	3	1
8	9	5	1	4	2	3	7	6
1	2	7	3	9	6	5	4	8
3	4	6	5	7	8	1	2	9
5	1	9	4	2	7	6	8	3
6	7	2	8	5	3	9	1	4
4	3	8	6	1	9	2	5	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NXTYZFQ DA RCXN TO LTYX FDOQ, CMJ DO LTY

JTM'N AICXQ DN, LTY JTM'N KDSQ NIQ RQXATM UIT

FTSQA LTY C WICMWQ NT FTSQ LTY QMTYKI.

TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I must govern the clock, not be governed by it.

COVID-19 pandemic: Service to the needy continues

Mysuru, June 3 (KS) - With the current COVID-19 second wave creating havoc resulting in many being hospitalised for treatment, people suffering from hunger, jobless with no money for treatment and medicines and even to buy food grains, members of various associations, organisations and corporates have jumped in to serve the needy. Also, many organisations are donating grocery kits, medicines, medical equipment and other necessary items to the District Administration and the MCC to be utilised during the pandemic and also to be distributed to the poor and the needy.

Office-bearers of Mythri Jain Milan seen after handing over medicines and other items to Vijayanagar COVID Mitra Centre recently.

Mythri Jain Milan has donated medicines, semi PPE kits, surgical masks, head caps, medical scrubs and hand wash soap solutions to COVID Mitra Centre at Vijayanagar in city which is maintained by the MCC, MUDA and concerned Gram Panchayats.

We Care Social Foundation which had stepped in to help the needy during last year's pandemic by donating and distributing free tablets and grocery kits to poor and needy diabetic and blood pressure patients, are now providing the service of 28 Oxygen Concentrators at the doorstep of poor patients free of cost.

About 50 volunteers are working in two shifts and are helping the patients procure beds at hospitals besides educating COVID positive patients on how to handle COVID situation and about self isolation. The Foundation has also started free High Resolution CT Scan for needy patients at a Diagnostic Centre.

Rane (Madras) Ltd., Mysuru, has come forward in the fight against COVID-19 by donating 50 BIPAP Oxygen Masks and an ECG Machine through their CSR fund to support the District Administration in its fight against the pandemic. The medical equipment was handed over by Rane (Madras) Ltd. General Manager V.P. Murugan and HR Manager K. Sagar to Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri and Additional DC Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy.

Credit Access Grameen Limited (CAGL) has donated N-95 masks and sanitiser bottles to journalists and the same were handed over to Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President S.T. Ravikumar by CAGL Regional Manager Muthuraj recently. CAGL Zonal Manager Vinay Kumar, Branch Manager Anil Kumar, MDJA General Secretary M. Subramanya, City Secretary P. Rangaswamy and others were present on the occasion.

Volunteers of We Care Social Foundation seen with Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri.

Rane (Madras) Ltd. General Manager V.P. Murugan and HR Manager K. Sagar handing over the medical equipment to DC Rohini Sindhuri.

Representatives of Credit Access Grameen Limited handing over face masks and sanitiser bottles to MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar as other MDJA office-bearers look on.

Representatives of wholesale medical shops and surgical shops donated 7 Oxygen Concentrators and 150 T-Shirts to MCC Additional Commissioner N.M. Shashikumar on Tuesday. N. Raghavan of Raghulal and Co., Sandeep, Chandragupta Jain of Aushad, Nimisha Nagesh, Manjunath of Seetharam Medicals, Gurudutt Manjunath, Murugan Babu and others were present.

Help pours in for 'Brave' father

T. Narasipur, June 3 (SK&SSV)- Help is pouring in for 45-year-old Anand who pedalled 280-km to fetch medicines for his son from NIMHANS, Bengaluru, due to Statewide lockdown last week.

After newspapers broke this story, Sunil Bose, former Chairman of the Vigilance Committee which oversees the implementation of various housing schemes in T. Narasipur Constituency, visited Anand's house in Ganiganakoppal village of the taluk and appreciated him for the act of bravery. Bose gave Rs. 10,000 to Anand and promised to look after the education of his ill son Bhyresh.

R. Cheluvaraj, Director, MyMUL, N. Somu, President, Town Municipal Council and Munawar Pasha, former President, were present.

Later, a group of Youth Congress, led by Mohsin Khan, former President, Youth Congress, also met Anand and lent their helping hands. They provided groceries and assured to always stand by him.

Tahsildar Nagesh, who too met Anand, promised to take care of the medical expenses of his son.

Unnatural deaths: Leopard carcasses found in Nanjangud

Nanjangud, June 3- Close on the heels of a leopardess and two cubs dying in a suspicious manner at Belavadi in Mysuru on May 22, carcasses of an adult leopardess and a cub has been found in the agricultural field at Kadabur village in the taluk yesterday.

The carcasses were found in the field belonging to one Ramanayak and the carcasses of the leopardess aged about three years and the cub were found at a distance of 300 to 400 mts from each other and it looks that it is not a natural death, said Nanjangud Social Forestry Division's Range Forest Officer (RFO) Rakshith.

Post-mortem was conducted this morning by veterinarian Dr. Mujeeb and the carcasses were cremated.

Deputy Conservators of Forests (DCFs) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar and Prasanna Kumar, Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Rangaswamy, Probationary ACF Anusha, Wildlife Warden and National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) representative Krithika Alanahally were present.

Belavadi incident: The Forest Department personnel have interrogated four suspects in connection with the suspected poisoning of a leopardess and two cubs but have not got any clues. The Department officials are investigating in all angles to trace and arrest the culprits.

The samples of the dead leopards were sent to the Forensic Science Lab (FSL) and Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals in Bengaluru and the reports are expected tomorrow.

The carcasses of the leopardess and a cub found at an agricultural field in Nanjangud. Picture below shows the Veterinarian, Wildlife Warden and other Forest Officials during the post-mortem of the leopard this morning.

Mysore University plans to hold Convocation in October

Mysuru, June 3 (RK&SSV)- University of Mysore (UoM) is planning to hold its 101st Annual Convocation during October this year, if Corona situation comes under control.

Centenary Convocation of the Varsity was supposed to be held in March, 2020. But it was held online on Oct. 19, 2020 with address by PM Narendra Modi. "We are planning to hold 101st Convocation in October with a cap on invitees to just 200 that too if there is improvement in situation by that time," Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, VC, UoM, said.

This time, the Varsity will give degree certificates to 25,000 persons including 8,000 Post-Graduates. Also, 500 persons will receive Ph.Ds. The Varsity is planning to invite Dr. K. Sivan, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), to deliver the Convocation address. Honorary Doctorates too will be awarded to a few individuals in recognition of service in their respective fields.

State BJP Vice-President donates 2 Ambulances, 15 Oxygen Concentrators

Mysuru, June 3 (MTY&DM)- Pitching in to help the needy in these critical times, State BJP Vice-President B.Y. Vijayendra, who is also the son of Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, has donated two ambulances and 15 Oxygen Concentrators to the people of the city and district.

Announcing this during a briefing of press persons here yesterday, ZAK Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy, said that Vijayendra has donated the Ambulances and Oxygen Concentrators through 'My Seva' organisation.

He also pointed out that Vijayendra has donated 18 other Ambulances in 16 districts of the State through 'My Seva.'

People in need can contact Mob: 99013-30544 or 97390-02825 for Ambulance service and 77609-38873 or 85535-90814 for Oxygen Concentrators, Mahadevaswamy said.

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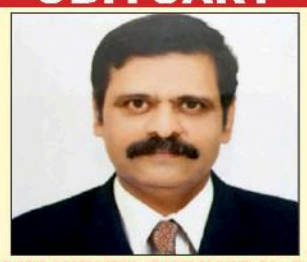

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Born: 09.09.1965 - Departed: 31.05.2021
Deeply mourning the sad demise of our beloved friend, well wisher and a great personality.
OM SHANTHI !!!
— Friends, Mysore

916 vehicles seized for violating lockdown guidelines in four days

Owners of seized vehicles seen in front of Lakshmipuram Police Station yesterday to get their vehicles released.

Mysuru, June 3 (KS)- Continuing their drive against COVID lockdown offenders, Mysuru City Police, who conducted checking drives on May 30 and 31, June 1 and 2, have seized a total of 916 vehicles which were found flouting the guidelines to initiate legal action.

Among the seized vehicles are 780 two-wheelers, 121 cars, 11 auto-rickshaws and four other vehicles.

While 138 two-wheelers, 29 cars and two other vehicles were seized on May 30, 114 two-wheelers and 20 cars were seized on May 31.

On June 1, the Cops seized 299 two-wheelers, 35 cars, eight auto-rickshaws and two other vehicles, while on June 2, they seized 229 two-wheelers, 37 cars, three auto-rickshaws and four other vehicles.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has urged the public to co-operate with the Police by not moving around unnecessarily.

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